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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
EXAMINING GROUP 1647**

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 018512-006010US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CREECH and JEGLA

Application No.: 09/855,828

Filed: May 14, 2001

For: CNG3B: A NOVEL CYCLIC
NUCLEOTIDE-GATED CATION
CHANNEL

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9660

Examiner: Jon Lockard

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2005, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for three months, from August 4, 2005, to November 4, 2005, is filed herewith. Also filed concurrently is a declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Ken McCormack, who is not an inventor on this application. Further filed is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.